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1. At a conference between Russian representatives of USIA and Czech railroad officials held in Czechoslovakia on 30 and 31 May 1951, it was agreed that USIA would pay the Czechs a flat sum of three million dollars per year as payment for all rail traffic transiting the country to and from Austria. Czechoslovakia agreed to put one hundred freight cars at the disposal of USIA for use outside Czechoslovakia in addition to the 275 cars being used at present by USIA for transit traffic within the country. This agreement supersedes a previous one under which USIA agreed to pay a monthly sum of 200,000 dollars for its transit rail traffic. The agreement does not affect freight charges on deals between USIA and Czechoslovakia for goods of Czech origin.

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